## 嘉兴市人民政府

August 27th, 2008

Susan R. Hoffman Mayor of Rockville State of Maryland The United States of America

Dear Mayor Hoffman,

It was my great pleasure to receive your letter recently and I am very delighted to hear the news that Rockville has decided to go into a sister city affiliation with our city. First of all, please allow me to express my heartfelt thanks to you and those volunteers who have been working very hard to reach this goal.

Jiaxing has broader range of sister cities around the world. Some have been very successful and have brought the relationship into mutual benefits and common prosperity. We look forward to developing this bilateral tie and hoping to have the best outcome through this relation.

Jiaxing Foreign Affairs Office is a governmental agency in charge of international relations at local level. We have a group of dedicated staff who are very enthusiastic, innovative and wishing to cooperate with their counterparts around the world. We also have stakeholders that are interested in developing our relations by exchanges and cooperation in the areas such as education, culture, economy, science and technology and many more.

For a better understanding of the peoples and local cultures, I would like to extend my invitation, on behalf of Jiaxing Municipal People's Government, to you and your members to visit us in the near future at your convenience for signing the agreement if possible. By the mean time, communication can be made through your Sister City Corporation and our Foreign Affairs Office.

Looking forward to meeting you in Jiaxing and wish Rockville prosperity.

Yours sincerely

Li Weining
Mayor of Jiaxing

